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SUBJECT: HOOLIGANISM IN PEKING

1. ON 15 DECEMBER USLO OFFICER SAW TWO POSTERS IN NORTHEAST AREA OF PEKING WHICH CALLED FOR "STRIKING DOWN QUICKLY THE TENDENCY TO HOOLIGANISM (LIU MANG)". THE POSTERS CALLED ON THE POPULATION TO ATTEND A MEETING AT THE CHIEN KUO MEN HOSPITAL ON 3 DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

2. ON THE SAME DAY, AT THE SUMMER PALACE, A USLO OFFICER OBSERVED A PLA TRYING TO LEAD A YOUNG LADY WITH LOWERED EYES OFF THE ICE. SOME ROWDY CHINESE HOCKEY PLAYERS IN THE VICINITY LAYED INTO HIM WITH HOCKEY STICKS AND FISTS, LEAVING HIS FACE COVERED WITH BLOOD BUT WITH THE YOUNG LADY STILL AT HIS SIDE. WITHIN FIVE MINUTES ALL OF THE CHINESE, HOCKEY PLAYERS, PLA AND GIRL, AND GAWKERS HAD DISAPPEARED FROM THE SCENE.

3. COMMENT: USLO NOTED SIMILAR POSTERS AS THOSE
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IN PARA 1 IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA LAST YEAR, AND

THIS COULD BE A SEASONAL DRIFTING BACK TO PEKING OF
YOUTHS WHO HAVE GOTTEN COLD DOWN ON THE FARM AND
HAVE TURNED TO AN ILLEGAL LIFE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES
IN URBAN AREAS. THIS PHENOMENON HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY
NOTED IN SHANGHAI AND CANTON, LESS FREQUENTLY HERE.
AS FOR THE PLA INCIDENT, THE UNDERCURRENTS OF
VIOLENCE EVEN UNDER THE PLACID SURFACE OF PEKING
OCCASIONALLY BREAK THROUGH. DR. WINTER TOLD US
OF AN EARLIER INCIDENT IN JULY 1974 IN WHICH A
WOMAN TAXI DRIVER WAS STABBED AND ROBBED BY A YOUNG
CUSTOMER OUTSIDE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY.
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